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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2121**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 03180-0255-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Takehiko TSUCHIYA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2121
)	
Application No.: 09/606,148)	Examiner: Sunray Chang
)	
Filed: June 29, 2000)	
)	Confirmation No.: 7735
For: CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS, CIRCUIT)	
DESIGNING METHOD, AND COMPUTER)	
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM STORING)	
A CIRCUIT DESIGNING PROGRAM)	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, the period for response to which extends through February 4, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants propose that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.